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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the office action mailed 11 September 2003, the three month period for response to which is to be extended two months, i.e., through Wednesday 11 February 2004, by the accompanying request for a two-month extension of time. As this Amendment is being filed on or before 11 February 2004, no further extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event that an extension of time is deemed to be necessary, Applicants request that such extension be granted, and the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 07-1765 in the appropriate amount. Also, in the event that any other fee is deemed to be necessary, the undersigned further authorizes the Commissioner to charge the above-identified Deposit Account in the appropriate amount. Reconsideration of the patentability of the claims in respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.